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1. The reliability estimate was approved with strong endorsement from the military who said that it would be invaluable in beginning to think more creatively about military strategy with respect to Eastern Europe, highlighting vulnerabilities, and also pointing out strengths in Warsaw Pact Command and Control mechanisms from which NATO usefully could learn.

2. [] proposed the addition of the attached chart at the end of the key judgments as a handy guide and my impression is that it will be included. I don't want to get involved in quibbling but if you have major problems with the chart, apart from the fact that it does not reflect the influence of the nature of the outbreak of the war and East European reliability, get together and talk to []

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4. For all the travail, the estimate went through with ease.

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MATRIX OF SIGNIFICANT FACTORS AFFECTING WP RELIABILITY

							Impact of Socio-economic conditions on ability to:	
	Morale	Discipline	Training	Procurement of Equipment	Performance	Mobilize	Sustain War	Degree of WP Integration
Bulgaria	H	H	HM	HM	H	H	LM	H
Czechoslovakia	LM	HM	H	HM	HM	HM	HM	H
East Germany	H	H	H	HM	H	H	HM	H
Hungary	HM	HM	HM	HM	HM	H	HM	H
Poland	L	HM	HM	HM	HM	HM	L	H
Romania	L	LM	L	LM	L	LM	L	L
Northern Tier (Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Poland)	LM	HM	H	HM	HM	HM	HM	H
Southern Tier (Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania)	LM	HM	LM	LM	LM	HM	LM	HM

Definitions

High (H): would contribute positively to military reliability (carrying out Pact directives)

High Moderate (HM): would carry out orders, but with some problems

Low Moderate (LM): would give only a semblance of obedience (e.g. passive resistance)

Low (L): would contribute negatively to military reliability